

19. (new) The method as described in claim 18 wherein the lip portion of the inferior support is offset.

20. (new) A surgical method for repairing a vertebral disc comprising:  
posteriorly accessing the damaged vertebral disc;  
posteriorly removing the damaged vertebral disc to create an intervertebral space;

providing opposing supports and positioning the supports into the intervertebral space;

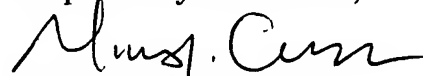
positioning a cushioning member in between the opposing supports, the cushioning member functioning to replace the damaged disc.

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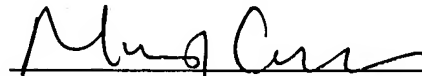


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